Desert Bighorn Sheep Re-Introduction Regulations

The first thirty Desert Bighorn Sheep were re-introduced to the **Pusch Ridge Wilderness** in November 2013, with the overall goal of more than 100 animals after three consecutive years of transplants. Special management restrictions are needed to limit disturbance to the sheep population and to maintain the wilderness character of the area.



- 1) It is prohibited to bring in, possess, or allow dogs in the bighorn sheep management area year round (this includes the Romero Canyon trail from Montrose pools to Romero pools and up to Romero Pass).
- 2) Between January 1 through April 30, it is prohibited to enter beyond 400 feet off designated Forest Service trails (e.g., Romero Canyon and Sutherland).

3) It is prohibited to use a campsite or other area by more than a maximum day-group size of fifteen (15) individuals, and maximum overnight group size of six individuals year round.

